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Please add claim 9, as follows:

--9. The method of claim 3, wherein a length of the virtual spread code corresponds to a length of a symbol having the maximum spread factor. --

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 9 are pending in the application, with claims 1 to 8 having been amended, as shown above, to attend to minor informalities. Claims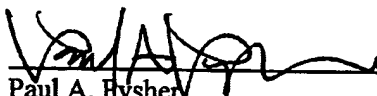 1 and 8 are the independent claims. Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested. The claims, without brackets and underlines, are shown in the attached Appendix.

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No fee is believed to be due for this Preliminary Amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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